8. Shri S. K. Malhotra — Member
Additional Director
General, Doordarshan.

The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :—

(i) To enquire into and examine the present state and structure of the Services, Cadres, different functional groups and isolated posts in all the media units and organisations and suggest measures for restructuring them in a manner conducive to better management.

(ii) To enquire into the present state of the Services, Cadres and posts in all the media units and organisations with reference to training methods and facilities available to the officers and staff and to suggest appropriate measure to draw up concrete training programme of the officers and staff so as to inculcate sense of professionalism ;

(iii) To study the present delegation of powers both administrative and financial, between Ministry and the various media units and organisations, and among various offices in various wings and offices of the media units and organisations and among their various subordinate offices, and to suggest suitable delegation and other changes to ensure smooth functioning of the machinery and achieve maximum efficiency ;

(iv) To suggest methods by which better systems management can be achieved in all the media units/organisation under the Ministry; and

(v) To study the working of the Field, Publicity Organisation and the Song and Drama Division and to suggest measures to make these media units more purposeful and effective.

(c) The Committee is empowered to regulate its own procedure.

Change in timing of Hindi News

983. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finally decided to change the timing of Hindi news on Doordarshan again to please some Regional Party Chief ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for changing news timing ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a particular Lobby in the Ministry and Doordarshan have been trying for a long time to change the timing of the Hindi news ; and

(d) if so, what would be its impact on the masses/public for the disfavourtism by the Government towards their mother tongue Hindi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Election of Loktak Hydro-Electric Project Manipur

984. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 3rd April, 1993 regarding Malaysian, Canadian and Australian Hydro-electric project execution firms showing keen interest in taking up the Loktak 90 MW downstream hydel scheme according to Manipur Chief Minister ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to assist the State in getting a part of its finance for early completion of the projects which is to gear up development of north eastern States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Only preliminary discussions have been held by the officials of Government of Manipur about this project with the representatives of the Australian High Commission in India and the project has not yet been formally posed to them for assistance by the Government of India.

Hydel Projects of Arunachal Pradesh

985. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Hydro Electric Projects of Arunachal Pradesh which are still pending with the Central Government ;

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing the projects so far ;

(c) what is the number of such projects hat have been completed during tne last two years indicating their locations ;

(d) whether they are functioning well as per target fixed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Kameng Hydro-electric Project (4×150 MW) is awaiting clearance from environment angle.

(c) to (e) During the last two years Tango (3×1.5 MW) in lower subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh has been completed and is presently in operation. The machines were initially experiencing some operational problems and were not stabilized. These are now reported to be operating satisfactorily to their rated capacity.

World Bank assistance for establishment of *Power Grid Corporation*

986. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a Power Grid Corporation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank is giving 300 million U.S. dollar loan for the establishment of a Power Grid Corporation ; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions of such a loan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWER GRID) was incorporated in October, 1989 with an initial authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crores. The mandate for the Corporation is construction of EHV AC and HVDC transmission lines, sub-station, Load Despatch Centres and Communication Facilities in a coordinated and efficient manner, to move large blocks of power from Central Generating Stations and surplus from SEBs, if any, to load centres within and across the Regions with reliability, security and economy.

(c) The World Bank is giving a loan of US dollar 350 million for the Power System Development Project a POWER GRID which has been formulated to augment power transmission system, promote inter-regional and inter-State power transfer for optimising power availability and improve coordination in system operation.

(d) The World Bank loan is repayable over 20 years including 5 years of grace period at the Bank's standard variable interest rate. The loan would be given to